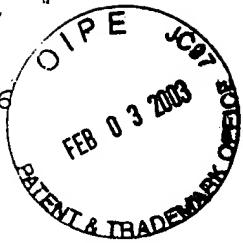


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A.E. COLVIN, Jr.)
Serial No. 09/920,627) Examiner: Monique T. Cole
Filed: August 3, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1743
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2002 for three months from November 2, 2002 to February 3, 2003, since February 2, was Sunday. Enclosed is a check for \$465.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

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